



Deacons should be 'thorns' in church's side

'The deacon is there to challenge us to go outside of our shell,' says archbishop

BY BRUCE MYERS

The diocese's newest deacon is being encouraged to be "a thorn in the side" of the church.

Cynthia Patterson was ordained to the diaconate at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City on Sept. 25. The preacher at the service, Archbishop David Ashdown of Keewatin, encouraged her to unapologetically live out the deacon's calling to serve as the church's conscience.

"Never, never stop being a thorn in the side," Archbishop Ashdown said, addressing Patterson from the pulpit. "Speak for those who have no voice, and challenge us to step out and do what Christ said we are called to do, for he is among us as one who serves. Be Christ to us, so that we may be Christ to others."

The archbishop drew chuckles from the congregation when he also exhorted Patterson to "never feel that you should not challenge the status quo—even if it means telling the bishop he may be wrong." Patterson's husband is Bishop Dennis Drainville.

Patterson has made being "a thorn in the side" her life's work. A social activist from her earliest

days, she has advocated for everything from the preservation of rural post offices to stricter ethical investing guidelines for the national church. She has represented the Canadian church on the worldwide Anglican Communion's Peace and Justice Network. Her current work is as suicide prevention coordination for the Anglican Church of Canada's Council of the North, of which Archbishop Ashdown is the chair.

In his sermon, the archbishop said Patterson's advocacy for peace and justice at the local, national, and global levels is in perfect conformity with the ministry to which deacons are called.

"The deacon is there to tell us about the justice and injustice that operates in the world around us," he said. "And the deacon is there to challenge us to go outside of our shell, to get beyond ourselves, and become effective servants of Christ in the world."

He also said that this will necessarily mean that deacons will sometimes be telling the church and its leaders things they may not want to hear.

"They will challenge us, if they are doing their job," Archbishop Ashdown said. "They will press



GREETING THE NEW DEACON – Elizabeth Robertson (right) of Trinity, Sainte-Foy, embraces Cynthia Patterson after her ordination to the diaconate on Sept. 25. PHOTO: BRUCE MYERS

us, if they're doing their job. They will tell us that the time has come for the church to leave the building—and they will be right."

The actual rite of ordination was presided over by Archbishop Claude Miller of Fredericton, who is the metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, of which the Diocese of Quebec is a part. Bishop Drainville presided at the eucharist.

The liturgy included elements in English, French, and Naskapi, as well as musical contributions from the cathedral choir. Among Patterson's presenters was her mother, Marge, whom she credits with instilling in her the Christian faith from childhood.

Though now ordained a deacon, Patterson's routine and responsibilities will not change much. She continues her suicide

prevention work for the Council of the North. She will also carry on promoting diaconal initiatives in the diocese, such as opening up Bishopthorpe, the episcopal family's residence, to individuals from outlying regions coming to Quebec City for medical treatment.

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Tropical storm topples tree onto Baie-Comeau church roof



TIMBER! – The remnants of tropical storm Irene blew two large tree limbs onto the Church of St. Andrew and St. George in Baie-Comeau on Aug. 28. Damage to the church building was minimal. The storm whipped up winds as strong as 95 km/h and knocked out power to nearly 250,000 homes in eastern Quebec.

PHOTO: STEPHEN KOHNER

Community rallies after Irene knocks down 30-metre-long limbs

BY STEPHEN KOHNER

Tropical storm Irene walloped the North Shore region of the diocese during the night of August 28th.

Although not as severe as past tropical storms, Irene managed to pack winds strong enough to topple a three-limbed tree beside the Church of St. Andrew and St. George in Baie-Comeau. Two of the three limbs landed on the church roof where the baptistery is located. The 30-metre-long limbs then slid onto the church's main roof.

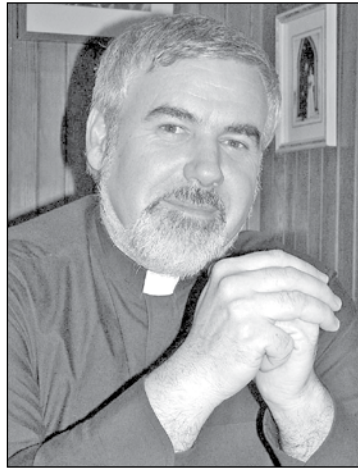
Fortunately, the damage was minimal. Later that same week, Baie-Comeau's *Société des parcs* generously dispatched a crew to

cut up the tree so that it would slide gently off the roof and onto the ground (at no cost to the church). Much to everyone's relief, the work was completed within a couple of hours.

Very minor damage was done to one section of the roof. Volunteers came by later to chop up and stack the tree trunks. The town workers returned three weeks later to cut down the remaining section of the tree that was deemed unsafe and towered far above the church roof.

The members of St. Andrew and St. George are grateful to the town, parishioners, and friends who came to help out and coordinate the clean-up efforts.

Faith in hard times



I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK to you about the world economy and the challenges that we may have to face in the next couple of years. The fact is that we Canadians, like many people in the western world, have been living beyond our means. This spiral of materiality and consumerism has created an ever greater reliance on debt to support our spending habits. This fact has made us increasingly vulnerable to the global economic challenges of unemployment, shrinking gross domestic product and a significant lack of confidence in both the world corporate and political leaders.

Much of the problems associated with these challenges have been generated through the banking system and through the stock market itself. Despite the fact that we were somewhat protected by the recession of 2008, we may not be as fortunate if we move into recession in the next months. As we have learned, the global banking system is now so interconnected that when a country defaults on its debt, or a bank fails, or the market drops precipitously, the effects are felt throughout the global financial system.

The questions I ask myself are: what are we to do in the face of global political and economic systems that seem to be directed and managed by individuals and collectivities who have motives and interests that are not representative of our values or principles? It seems to me that the first thing to do is to review one's financial situation. Are we carrying too much debt? Are we presently minimizing our expenditures as a means of conserving our resources? What can we individually and collectively do to help others who may be in a worse situation than ourselves? It should be obvious that if a new recession begins, we are all of us going to have to readjust our expectations regarding standard of living, retirement and how our communal life is to change to respond to the challenges that confront us.

You might ask why I am focusing on the economic situation in Canada. I do so now as a means of raising issues that every Christian needs to address. How we use our resources, how we support others and how seriously we take our societal responsibilities reveals clearly our values and priorities.

It is particularly in hard times that the true spirit of our Lord Jesus emerges and guides us to all truth. If we are to be prepared to meet more economic challenges, let us begin by getting our individual and collective houses in order.

LETTER
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OUR
BISHOP

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La foi en des temps turbulents

J'AIMERAIS VOUS PARLER de l'économie mondiale et des défis que nous devons peut-être braver au cours des deux prochaines années. Nous, les Canadiens, ainsi que plusieurs autres peuples des pays occidentaux, devons prendre conscience que nous vivons présentement au-dessus de nos moyens. Le vortex du matérialisme et de la consommation excessive nous a menés à faire appel de façon toujours plus soutenue à l'endettement afin de maintenir un style de vie prodigue. Nous sommes ainsi devenus de plus en plus vulnérables aux défis économiques mondiaux que sont le chômage, la réduction du produit intérieur brut et la baisse manifeste du niveau de confiance envers les leaders corporatifs et politiques.

Pour la plupart, les problèmes associés aux défis que je viens de mentionner ont été créés à travers le système bancaire et les marchés boursiers. Bien que la récession de 2008 ait été plus "douce" chez nous, il est possible que nous ne soyons pas aussi chanceux si une nouvelle récession se produisait au cours des prochains mois. Nous avons appris à la dure que les systèmes bancaires mondiaux sont interreliés et que lorsqu'un pays ne peut plus payer ses dettes, ou lorsqu'une banque importante déclare faillite ou bien lorsque les marchés connaissent une baisse

précipitée, les effets se font sentir à travers tout le système financier.

Voici les questions que je me pose: que devons-nous faire devant des systèmes économiques et politiques mondiaux qui semblent être dirigés et gérés par des individus et des collectivités dont les intérêts et la motivation ne sont pas en accord avec nos valeurs et nos principes? Il me semble que le premier geste à poser est d'analyser notre propre situation financière personnelle. Sommes-nous trop endettés? Sommes-nous présentement en train de réduire nos dépenses afin « d'étirer » notre capital? Que pouvons-nous faire individuellement et collectivement pour aider ceux dont la situation est pire que la nôtre? Nous devons réaliser que si nous entrons dans une nouvelle récession, chacun d'entre nous devra ajuster ses attentes face à son niveau de vie, sa retraite et chacun devra aussi se mesurer à l'impact que tous ces défis auront sur notre vie communautaire.

Vous vous demandez sans doute pourquoi je mets une telle emphase sur la situation économique actuelle au Canada. Je le fais afin de sensibiliser tous les Chrétiens à ces questions qui nous assaillent. Nos valeurs et nos principes se reflètent dans l'utilisation que nous faisons de nos ressources, et dans les gestes que nous posons tant pour aider notre prochain que pour faire face à nos responsabilités sociales.

C'est dans les épreuves que le véritable esprit de notre Seigneur Jésus se manifeste et nous guide vers la Vérité. Afin de pouvoir affronter de nouveaux défis économiques, commençons d'abord par assainir nos affaires personnelles et collectives.

Dennis P. Drainville
Bishop of Quebec / Évêque de Québec

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSITIONS

Three new lay readers have been licensed for service in the diocese. **Glen Marcotte** will assist the congregations of St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf, and St. Bartholomew, Bourg Louis, in the Deanery of Quebec. **Roy Stinson** and **David Woodard** have been licensed to serve as lay readers in the Deanery of St. Francis.

Archdeacon **Bruce Myers** was received as a priest companion of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd on the Feast of St. Michael

and All Angels. The oratory is a society of priests and lay people founded in England in 1913, and today includes members from around the worldwide Anglican Communion.

While the bishop is on holiday from Oct. 7-28, Executive Archdeacon **Garth Bulmer** is serving as the bishop's commissary. According to the canons of the diocese, the bishop's commissary may "act for the bishop during the bishop's absence and hold

all the bishop's executive powers while so acting."

St. Mary's Chapel in Saint-Élie-d'Orford, near Sherbrooke, is no longer being used for worship. The former schoolhouse, still owned by a local school board, had been rented by an Anglican congregation since 1951. It has fallen into a state of disrepair and hasn't been used for services in three years. The remaining congregants worship at Church of the Advent in Sherbrooke.

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

Nov. 1-3	Diocesan clergy conference in Quebec City
Nov. 4-5	Diocesan Executive Council in Quebec City
Nov. 12-14	Meeting of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada, including a liturgical celebration of the dialogue's 40th anniversary at St. Joseph's Oratory, in Montreal
Nov. 18-20	Council of General Synod in Mississauga
Nov. 21-22	Visiting Anglican studies program at Saint Paul University in Ottawa
Nov. 24-27	Pastoral visit to St. John, Kawawachikamach



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Quebec Lodge supporters aim to raise \$1.5 million

BY BRUCE MYERS

Hopes of resurrecting a permanent children's summer camp on the shores of Lake Massawippi are pinned on a major fundraising drive launched in the Eastern Townships on Sept. 16.

The Quebec Lodge Foundation needs to raise \$1.5 million by Dec. 30, 2012. If it does, the Diocese of Quebec will donate approximately 70 acres of land on Lake Massawippi, site of the former diocesan summer camp, Quebec Lodge.

"We're very hopeful," said Ruth Sheeran, president of the Quebec Lodge Foundation. "All along with this project people have come forward at just the right moment. When we needed something, it seemed that somebody just stepped forward and just gave us the initiative and encouragement to move ahead."

Sheeran said even before the official fundraising campaign had been launched, approximately \$225,000 had been collected for the project.

The fundraising campaign will approach former Quebec Lodge campers and their parents, as well as former camp counsellors.

If successful in reaching the fundraising goal, the first residential camp on the new site would be offered in the summer of 2013, with the entire project slated for completion by the summer of 2015.

The new camp would accommodate a maximum of 90 campers, out of a desire to keep a low camper-to-staff ratio in hopes of building community.

"Kids spend so many hours plugged into their devices now,"

Sheeran said. "There's this phrase: 'nature deficit.' So we're trying to address that concern."

According to the group's fundraising literature, the camp's approach would be "in accordance with Christian principles."

Campers would be housed in groups of 10 in "yurts." The round, semi-permanent tents are part of the new Quebec Lodge's plans to be an "environmentally low-impact camp."

"Everything's going to be environmentally friendly," Sheeran said. "We're off in the woods. We don't have jet skis and motor boats and things like that."

Adding to the would-be camp's green commitment are plans to transform 45 acres of the 70-acre parcel of land into a nature preserve, to prevent further development of the waterfront property.

Opened in 1943, the original Quebec Lodge camp ceased operations in 2005 due to financial difficulties. Last October, the diocese sold a portion of the land to a developer for \$3.2 million.

The diocese has agreed to retain ownership of the remaining part of the property, which includes 185 feet of shoreline, until the end of 2012. If by then the Quebec Lodge Foundation is able to raise \$1.5 million to demonstrate a new camp's long-term viability, the diocese will donate the property to the group. If not, the diocese is free to explore other options for the property.

When the agreement was reached with the Quebec Lodge supporters last autumn, Bishop Dennis Drainville described it as a "win-win situation."

TEA WITH THE 'GG'



Governor General David Johnston (right) and his wife, Sharon (second from left), hosted Bishop Dennis Drainville and Cynthia Patterson on Sept. 20. The two couples enjoyed tea and conversation at the Citadel, the official residence of the Canadian governor general in Quebec City. Governor General Johnston is an active member of the Anglican church.

PHOTO: RONALD DUCHESNE, RIDEAU HALL

PWRDF aid reaches drought victims

Canadian Anglicans have donated more than \$750,000 in response to the famine gripping East Africa.

The contributions were made through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), and the federal government has matched most of the contributions.

The worst drought in 60 years has left an estimated 12.4-million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya in urgent need of food. Many of the starving are children.

Civil unrest in some parts of the region has made it difficult or impossible for food aid to reach those who need it. However, at

least some of the aid pledged by Canadian Anglicans has been getting through.

PWRDF is helping provide food and cooking supplies to more than 8,000 households in Kenya through its partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), an alliance of 15 Canadian churches and agencies seeking to end hunger.

Jim Cornelius, CFGB's executive director, recently returned from Kenya and said the situation in parts of the country is desperate, though not hopeless.

"They have faced two years of drought," Cornelius said. "Many water points have dried up. Pas-

ture is very poor, and often far from the remaining water points. Their livestock are in poor condition, with many animals having died—you could see the dead carcasses. With food prices having doubled, households are struggling to survive.

"The good news is that aid was getting through. Even in very remote parts of the country, people told me they were receiving food assistance, and that it was keeping them going," Cornelius said.

PWRDF is still accepting donations to assist drought victims in the Horn of Africa. Visit www.pwrdf.org for information on how to contribute.

Lay reader event offers tips on speaking up, singing out

BY GRAHAM JACKSON

Through the generosity and foresight of the Diocesan Executive Council, funds were made available to hold a conference for lay readers and lay leaders.

The workshop was held again this year at St. George's Church in Lennoxville, and participants were warmly welcomed by the Ven. Dean and Mrs. Gene Ross, together with Rural Dean Ruth Sheeran. Representatives came from all over our diocese and we were particularly pleased to welcome four lay readers from the Diocese of Montreal. Our bishop's presence throughout the day was also much appreciated.

The day began with morning prayer, which was led by the warden of lay readers and the lesson from Acts 10:34-43 was read by the chaplain of lay readers, the Ven. Bruce Myers. The

service was held in the beautiful St. George's Church and following morning prayer the group repaired to an adjoining hall for the day's practical sessions.

Music in the church was the theme of the morning. Caitlin Reilley Beck was the presenter and she immediately set the example and tone by singing *a capella*. In an encouraging and enthusiastic way she invited and received the active participation of all concerned, even those who claimed to be unable to sing. Employing a variety of methods and techniques she skillfully suggested appropriate places in the service where song could be introduced.

Caitlin's instruction was very

well received and she came to us as a highly qualified musician. She has degrees in music and liturgical studies from Saint Paul's University, Ottawa, and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale Divinity School. She is currently coordinator of Christian education at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Ottawa.

To save time lunch was served on site by Kay Hartwell and her team of ladies. As in past years, it proved to be another triumph.

We all attended the afternoon session with the Rev. Wanda Dillabough all feeling very well nourished. Wanda's aim focused on the use of voice in three important areas: reading scriptures, preaching, and leading prayers.

To help us to use our voices more effectively during services, Wanda led us through a series of practical exercises. These exercis-

es were not only most helpful but were also a lot of fun. The group exercise on voice projection held in the nave of St. George's Church was an example of good planning and gifted teaching which resulted in sound learning in an atmosphere of enjoyment and even a degree of hilarity.

Wanda began with the basics such as breathing, posture, volume, and pace. Her dictum was, "Speak



Dillabough

twice as loud and half as fast," and we even progressed to aspects of "behavioral cognitive therapy." Wanda helped us all to cope with our insecurities and as a result we left her session feeling a good deal more confident about our ability to handle the spoken word when

leading services.

The Rev. Wanda was ordained in 2010 and has a master's degree in pastoral studies from St. Paul's University. Currently, she is coordinator of the Deanery of St. Francis and a parish priest.

The day concluded with evening prayer led by lay reader Cheryl Stroud. Cheryl, a talented musician herself, skillfully planned the service to include many aspects of what we had learned during the day about the use of voice and music in liturgy. The service was a successful and inspiring conclusion to a very fine day.

Many of us, of course, stayed on to attend the ordination to the priesthood of Ruth Charleau, Barbara Wintle and Fred Richardson. Our bishop led a lovely bilingual service and St. George's was packed with well wishers.



Reilley Beck



‘Bring an offering..’

Congregations find new ways to receive the faithful’s gifts

BY BRUCE MYERS

WHEN THE OFFERING is taken up on Sunday mornings at St. Michael’s Church in Sillery, there’s less cash and fewer cheques in the collection plates than there used to be.

But that’s not because members of the parish are fewer in number or are giving less.

Two years ago St. Michael’s added “pre-authorized remittance” (PAR) to the options available to parishioners in making their tithes and offerings to the church. Now more than a dozen members of the congregation have their givings to the church deducted automatically from their bank accounts each month.

“So if you want to give \$500 to your church in the year, you take \$500, divide it up over 12 months and it comes out of your bank account,” explains Marie-Sol Gaudreau, the Diocese of Quebec’s bookkeeper. “It’s worry free and hassle free.”

She says it’s especially convenient for congregants who for whatever reason aren’t able to be in church on a regular basis, or are away for parts of the year.

“So even if you don’t go to church on a Sunday because you’re away, you’re still giving to your church,” Gaudreau said. “And if you don’t go to church in the summertime for a couple of months, you’re not stuck there thinking, ‘Oh, how many weeks didn’t I give?’ So it keeps your donations regular.”

Mary Robertson is the kind of parishioner Gaudreau has in mind. Robertson and her husband, William, are members of St. Michael’s, but also live several months of the year in Prince Edward Island, where she is co-owner of an art gallery. Since signing up for PAR, Robertson’s contributions are automatically debited from her bank account and credited to St. Michael’s bank account each month—even the months she’s in PEI.

“I don’t have to write post-dated cheques to cover my absence, or to write a bigger sum in one cheque. That’s what I used to do. Or sometimes I would just write a big cheque when we returned,” Robertson said.

While she does find pre-authorized remittance convenient, Robertson also admits she finds that the direct debits “depersonalize the giving.”

The PAR program understands Robertson’s ambivalence and recognizes that having one’s offering to the church automatically deducted from one’s bank account isn’t exactly the same as placing money or an envelope in the collection plate as it’s passed around on Sunday morning. And so individuals who sign up for the program are

furnished with reusable cards they can place in the weekly offering at church. The cards read, “This offering has been given by pre-authorized remittance,” and go up to the altar with the other offerings to be blessed.

PAR isn’t just convenient for contributors. It’s at least as helpful to the churches to which they’re contributing.

“Since we started using the pre-authorized remittance program at St. Michael’s, I noticed an important increase in giving at the end of the year,” said churchwarden Marie Rubsteck. “Parishioners are sometimes absent for various length of time due to holidays, illness, bad weather or work. The PAR program gives them an opportunity to continue to support our parish ministry.”

As diocesan bookkeeper, Marie-Sol Gaudreau knows well the challenges congregations face in keeping their books balanced. She’s noticed that parishes that use PAR have an easier time managing their cash flow.

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Churchwarden Marie Rubsteck

“You get into the summer months and people aren’t there because they’re on holidays. Suddenly your deposits are half what they normally are, but you’re still stuck paying the same number of bills as you normally are,” observed Gaudreau.

Marie Rubsteck agrees that PAR helps with the congregation’s cash flow, especially in those lean summer months. “It gives a regular, dependable flow of contributions to the parish and reduces paperwork and bookkeeping.”

The pre-authorized remittance program is managed by the United Church of Canada, but congregations of any denomination are welcome to join. Currently 6,020 Anglicans in 223 congregations across the country are using PAR.

The program does not require a minimum number of contributors in a congregation. PAR costs a congregation 50 cents per giver, per month, up to a maximum of \$45, which is deducted when the givings are transferred to the congregation’s bank account each month. A monthly

printout of contributions is provided to the congregation, usually through the envelope secretary.

Contributors themselves simply sign up for the direct-debit program by filling out a form, indicating how much they’d like to contribute each month, and including a void cheque. The amount they contribute each month can be changed at any time and they can leave the program at any time.

Still other parishioners at St. Michael’s make automatic monthly contributions to the parish through their credit card. The service, offered by the charitable organization CanadaHelps, is available to any registered charity in Canada, including churches.

Contributing to the church by credit card through CanadaHelps functions much the same as PAR, although it assesses a 3.9 per cent transaction fee on each contribution. According to its website, the fee “covers all credit card merchant fees, transaction fees, banking costs, receipting, reconciliation and disbursement. The 3.9 per cent is a modest charge for the service that CanadaHelps provides to Canadian donors and the charities.”

Either through automatic withdrawal or credit card, the pre-authorized remittance programs have helped St. Michael’s Church in the process of stabilizing its finances. As churchwarden Rubsteck recalls, “One parishioner told me that while she was at first not so sure about the program, she now finds it very convenient since she no longer needs to remember to bring an envelope nor to have the right amount of change with her every Sunday.”

In fact, enough members of St. Michael’s are now contributing through pre-authorized remittance that the parish has stopped its annual (and costly) order of numbered envelopes, opting instead for less expensive generic ones.

One of the offertory sentences in the *Book of Common Prayer* exhorts the faithful to, “Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; bring an offering and come into his courts.” The faithful continue to present their tithes and offerings for God’s blessing and the church’s use, even if PAR and other new programs like it are changing the way in which they “bring an offering.”

For information on the United Church of Canada’s Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program:
www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/donate/howto/par
 or call (416) 231-5931, extension 3050

For information on CanadaHelps:
www.CanadaHelps.org



THREE NEW PRESBYTERS – A trio of new priests was ordained at St. George, Lennoxville, on Oct. 1. From left to right: the Rev. Ruth Charleau, the Rev. Canon Fred Richardson, Bishop Dennis Drainville, Archdeacon Edward Simonton OGS (who preached at the service), and the Rev. Barbara Wintle. PHOTO: BRUCE MYERS

Trio of priests ordained

BY BRUCE MYERS

Three new diocesan priests were ordained in a filled-to-capacity St. George's Church in Lennoxville on Oct. 1.

The Revs. Ruth Charleau, Fred Richardson, and Barbara Wintle were ordained to the presbyterate by Bishop Dennis Drainville in a service that drew Anglicans from across the Eastern Townships, where the three new priests have been carrying out their ministry as deacons.

Prior to their ordination to the priesthood, the three were led in an overnight retreat by the Ven. Edward Simonton, the rector of Rawdon and archdeacon of St. Andrews in the Diocese of Montreal. He also preached at the ordination service.

"A life that is not built upon prayer—and a priest's vocation which is not undergirded by prayer—is soon to fail," Simonton preached.

He compared an individual's being to a jar of pond water. When agitated, it's impossible to see through because of the dirt and twigs and other things swirling around in the disturbed wa-

ter. However, when allowed time to settle, it becomes crystal clear.

"That's what a priest's job is to be," Simonton said. "To be constantly going in and out of prayer on such a routine level so that they're constantly 'clear,' so that other people can see God through them and God can see people through them."

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Archdeacon
Edward Simonton

The archdeacon also encouraged the new priests not to become overly agitated, anxious, or panicked by the seemingly dire straits in which the contemporary church seems to find itself, especially in Quebec, which he called the global "epicentre of secularism."

"Try to fix things. Work hard. Try to discern what you are to do," Simonton advised from the

pulpit. "But the paradox is if you get too anxiously involved with all the anxiety of the present-day church, what ends up happening is that you lose the very thing that attracts people in the first place, which is your genuineness and holiness of life."

Ruth Charleau was ordained a deacon in 1999, and Fred Richardson and Barbara Wintle two years later. Since then they have served several congregations in the Deanery of St. Francis as non-stipendiary clergy.

Their ordination to the priesthood follows a recommendation by the Bishop's Council, which recognized that for much of their ministries the three have been doing the work of a priestly, rather than diaconal, nature.

As so-called "locally raised priests," the trio will continue to serve in a non-stipendiary capacity, but they will no longer be tied to specific parishes. Instead they will become part of a deanery-wide team ministry model that is emerging in St. Francis. Like all other priests, they have also committed to ongoing, post-ordination training.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Newly ordained priest expresses thanks

My sincere thanks to you all for your part in my ordination.

I wish to send my thanks and praise out first of all to God. Without him this would never have happened.

Thanks to Bishop Dennis for all he does. I am in awe at the energy he puts out to take care of the diocese. Thanks to Archdeacons Dean Ross, Bruce Myers, and Edward Simonton for what they added to this special occasion.

A huge thanks to the dean of the cathedral, the Very Rev.

Christian Schreiner, for his contribution, including the booklet for our service.

I want to thank St. John, Waterville; Christ Church, Eustis; and St. James the Less, Compton, for their support and encouragement to me throughout this transition. Thanks to St. Barnabas, North Hatley, where I also ministered for many years.

Many, many thanks to my husband, Guy, my daughter, Rebecca, my son, Timothy, Glenda Nichols, Archdeacon Heather Thomson, and the two acolytes,

Emilee and Steven, as they made the day very special for me. Love you all!!!

Thanks to each of you who came to make it all so very special. Many blessings to Barbara and Fred in our ministry!!!

Last but not least I want to thank my good friend, Pauline, who, has been there from the beginning of my ministry and who has been my sounding board for so many years. Love you!!!

Love and blessings to all. May God bless us all!!!

The Rev. Ruth Charleau

Hodgepodge, farrago, mishmash, salmagundi...

I WAS LOOKING FOR a synonym of "potpourri" to use as a title for this column, and I found the beautiful, unfamiliar words above. It is important to stay curious, to keep learning new things every day.



Tending the Garden

News from
rue des Jardins with
Guylaine Caron
Executive Director

Back to my hodgepodge: Likely by the time you read this column, the Diocesan Executive Council, the governing body of the Synod of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Quebec, will have met in Quebec City on Nov. 4 and 5. At that meeting, our diocesan treasurer Mike Boden and I will present an update on the 2011 budget, the actual results for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2011, and an update of the 2012 budget, first presented at synod last fall, for review and approval.

The agenda will also include the latest news on the sale of the former Quebec Lodge property. We will have received the second instalment of the sale price. I will also present the 2012 clergy stipend scale, as the annual increase is based in part on the September Consumer Price Index figures that will have been published on Oct. 21.

In news that will affect parishes more directly for 2012, I have received the general information pertaining to the renewal of the diocesan insurance policy for 2012. The year 2011 has not been a good one for our insurer, Ecclesiastical, as claims have increased materially this year. In the Diocese of Quebec alone there have been three claims in 2011, whereas I only know of three or four in total over the previous *four years!* And as I mentioned in one of my previous columns, there have been those strange stained glass window thefts in the Diocese of Montreal.

This, of course, will impact negatively on the premiums for 2012. The basic rate will not increase, but some of the discounts we benefited from in the past have been eliminated. For example, a five per cent credit on the base rate was available to a parish without a claim in the previous three years; this credit has been eliminated. Over the last few years, we had also been getting coverage for a three per cent increase in property value at no cost; this measure will no longer apply. Premiums will therefore be increasing at a slightly higher rate than inflation for 2012.

The stock market has been experiencing major gyrations over the last weeks and months. The Investment Committee members are keeping a very close eye on the performance of these markets and on the pooled funds portfolio, in particular. Again, as you will read this, October will be behind us. It has rarely been a quiet and/or positive month marketwise in my lifetime. Let us hope that cool and steady heads prevailed.

Archdeacon Randy Murray paid a visit to the office this summer and asked Marie-Sol Gaudreau, our bookkeeper, if it would be possible for a presentation or short course to be given to current (and hopeful) parish treasurers. Marie-Sol gave such a presentation a couple of years ago in the Gaspé. I had done such a presentation in Lennoxville shortly before.

We would be really happy to arrange something once again in the areas where there is a demand for it. So, I am going to ask for your input now: let us know if you would be interested in such a presentation. You don't have to be a treasurer, you just have to be interested! And let us know what topics you would like to hear about: how to prepare tax receipts if your parish is a registered charitable organization, how to prepare the annual report to the Canada Revenue Agency, how to prepare your Congregational Annual Report to be sent to Church House, what kind of insurance coverage is your parish getting for all the money it is paying, what is a stipend and what is included in that cost, what does the parish investment statement mailed with the distributions cheques mean.

Please contact me at executivedirector@quebec.anglican.ca to let me know if such a presentation would be of interest in your area and to send me your ideas for topics.

A 12-step program on how to be more compassionate

KAREN ARMSTRONG, religious historian and author of over 40 publications, has a mission: to make the world a more compassionate place. After winning the TED prize in 2008, which provided \$100,000 to fund a “wish to change the world,” Armstrong used the opportunity to create and propagate a “Charter for Compassion” (www.charterforcompassion.org).



Books

Ruth Sheeran reviews
Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life
by Karen Armstrong
Knopf Canada, 2010

To accomplish this, Armstrong gathered leaders from all faith traditions to develop a charter outlining the principles of compassion. Armstrong's book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, is part of this project and outlines a process by which compassionate action becomes a natural part of our daily lives.

Compassion, as Armstrong points out in the preface, does not mean pity for the plight of another but rather the ability to “feel pain as if it were our own.” It is “an attitude of principled, consistent altruism” as embodied in the Golden Rule, and first espoused as early as 500 BCE by Confucius. Armstrong demonstrates that this principle is at the core of all world religions and the practice of all great leaders from Confucius to Mother Teresa. But acting compassionately can only occur when we “dethrone” ourselves and put others at the centre of our action and attention. The twelve steps outlined in Armstrong's book lead the reader through a series of exercises that teach how to focus on “the other” and suppress the self-absorbed ego.

The process begins with an examination of what compassion actually means and how the concept developed through the different faith traditions. Armstrong explains how our better nature is in a continual struggle with the “old reptilian brain,” which controlled our impulses when survival was the primary goal of life. Through developing compassion, we learn to suppress these primitive selfish urges, attend to others, and live the life the great religious thinkers defined.

But before we can understand the lives of others we must examine our own lives, so the next two steps are to look inward and to develop compassion for ourselves. One of the exercises to accomplish this is a meditation on the Buddha's four immeasurables of love: friendship, compassion, joy and even-mindedness and to apply these four qualities first to ourselves and then to three people: someone we like, someone to whom we are indifferent and someone whom we actively dislike. As we undertake this meditation we will come to realize the person we dislike is no different from ourselves, and we will develop two tools necessary for the practice of the compassionate life, “a capacity for inwardness and the ability to think of others in the same way as you think of yourself.”

Following these initial steps, the next chapter describes the cultivation of “mindfulness” where we “mentally stand back and observe our behaviour ... in order to discover more about the way we interact with people.” As we become aware of our own behaviour we realize that the source of much of our pain is within ourselves, brought about by a preoccupation with getting our own way and anger at those who prevent it. Mindfulness, however, cannot be passive and must translate into action. We are instructed to act each day in accordance with both the positive and negative expressions of the Golden Rule, and to stop acting in a selfish or indulgent fashion.

The other steps in Armstrong's manual include acknowledging how little we know so that we become open to learning; reflecting on how we speak to others; and developing a loving concern for everyone. In the tenth step, Armstrong suggests we increase our knowledge of another country, religion or people. And as our understanding of the other grows, we will find ourselves able to extend our compassion to those whom we used to fear and dislike.

The final two steps are recognition and “love your enemies.” Through the exercise on recognition, we realize that we are all alike and that we all have the same fears and needs. “Love your enemies” is the most challenging of all. However, if Armstrong's process has been followed faithfully, this is the natural completion of the practice. We have learned to look outward, away from our selfish ego to those who are apart from ourselves, and, as Armstrong states, “once you realize that your enemy is also suffering, you look into his eyes and see a mirror image of your own distress. In this way, you realize that he too deserves compassion.”



De gauche à droite: Graham Jackson, Pierre Voyer, Mary Farnsworth, Sylvain Laperrière, et Michel Royer.

Débuts d'un ministère francophone à Portneuf

PAR MICHEL ROYER

Le dimanche 29 mai dernier avait lieu en l'église Saint John the Evangelist de Portneuf une célébration eucharistique en français.

Celle-ci marque, nous l'espérons, le début d'un ministère francophone qui devrait se développer dans cette église. Si ce projet à vu le jour, c'est grâce à l'initiative de Sylvain Laperrière, trésorier et marguillier à la paroisse Saint John the Evangelist. Sylvain a été soutenu et encouragé par d'autres membres de la communauté dans l'élaboration de ce projet.

Une trentaine de personnes assistaient à la première célébration présidée par le révérend Michel Royer. Pour bien marquer leur soutien au développement de ce ministère, l'archidiacre de Québec, Bruce Myers, l'archidiacre du Saint Laurent,

Pierre Voyer, le chanoine Graham Jackson, responsable de la paroisse St John the Evangelist, et son épouse, prenaient place dans l'assemblée.

Comme cette paroisse appartient au Doyenné de Québec ce dernier apporte une aide financière à ce projet alors que le Doyenné du Saint Laurent est plutôt responsable de l'aspect ministériel et pastoral. Le révérend Michel Royer, assistant à la Paroisse de Tous les Saints, est pour l'instant responsable de ce ministère francophone.

Au cours des derniers mois, il a été soutenu dans sa tâche par quelques paroissiens de Tous les Saints dont Donald Crépeault pour la musique, Benoit Moreau et Pierre Voyer comme prédicateurs sans oublier les membres de la communauté de Saint John the

Evangelist pour le service à l'autel, les lectures, l'accueil, et la rencontre après le culte.

Depuis le début de ce projet en mai dernier et jusqu'à ce jour une moyenne de 11 personnes assistent aux eucharisties en français. Ce résultat positif nous a amené à réfléchir sur ce nouveau ministère.

Le samedi 8 octobre dernier, un comité de paroissiens et de personnes engagées dans ce projet s'est réunis à la résidence de Sylvain Laperrière et Rosemary Minnich pour faire le bilan de l'expérience des derniers mois. Suite à cette rencontre il a été décidé de poursuivre l'expérience en 2012.

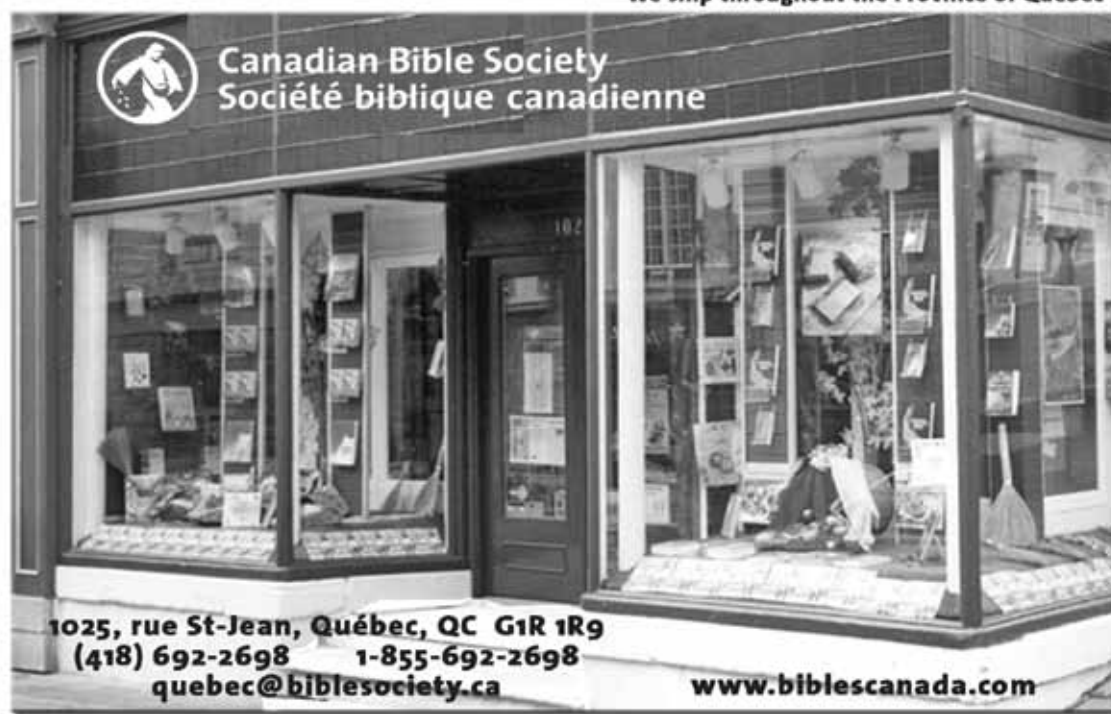
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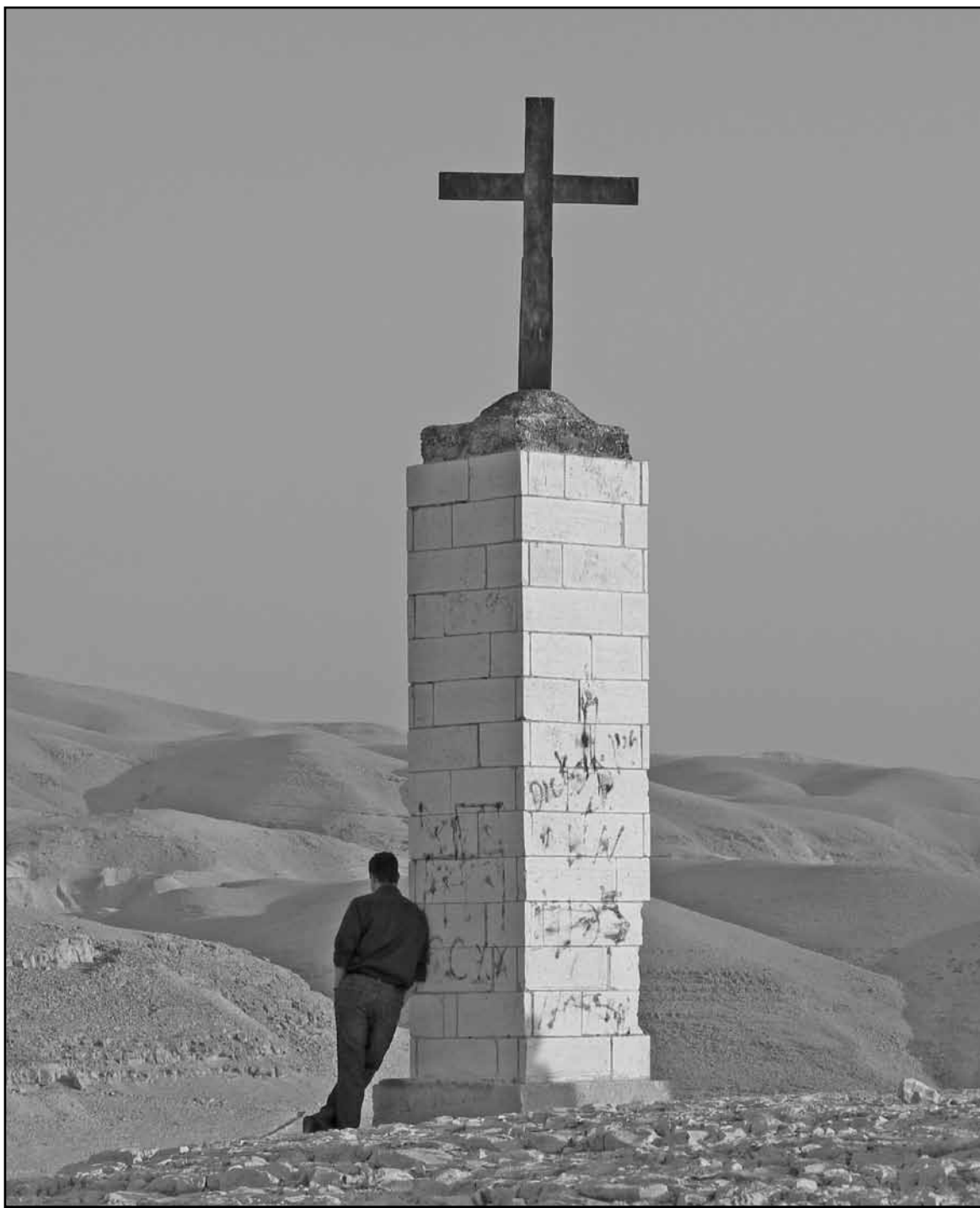
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Au pied de la croix dans le désert de Juda

PHOTO: SARAH STEVENS

Un pèlerinage au pays de la Bible

Bien que plusieurs Québécois cherchent à ignorer le christianisme, la foi au Dieu de Jésus Christ n'est pas vraiment remise en question. En effet, combien de fois entendons-nous : « Je crois mais je ne pratique pas »?

En s'éloignant d'une manière de faire Église, bien des baptisés ont aussi pris une distance de la Parole de Dieu. Il n'est pas rare qu'un baptisé n'est jamais ouvert une Bible. Pour les personnes qui cherchent à s'appropriier ou se réapproprier leur foi, parcourir les textes de la Bible pour les recevoir en tant que Parole de Dieu est un défi de taille.

Ainsi, prendre part à un voyage biblique en Terre Sainte c'est profiter d'une expérience de foi unique : tout en découvrant les sites historiques, nous allons au plus profond de notre être pour y puiser l'infinie amour de Dieu.

Les textes bibliques réfèrent à des événements qui ont été mis par écrit il y a longtemps, dans un contexte social bien différent, dans une autre culture, dans un pays qui n'est pas le nôtre. En foulant le sol d'Israël aujourd'hui, nous nous retrouvons dans une culture différente, un autre contexte socio-politique, une autre réalité religieuse. Tout cela viendra influencer notre lecture

des textes bibliques.

Traverser le Lac de Tibériade, s'asseoir dans la synagogue de Capharnaüm et marcher à travers les rues anciennes de Jérusalem. La Bible devient réalité, ses mots prennent vie pour bondir hors des pages. Nous nous trouvons là-même où tout arriva.

Israël, situé au carrefour de trois continents, est un petit pays qui a joué un rôle déterminant dans l'histoire des civilisations: le lieu de l'alliance d'Abraham avec Dieu, du royaume de David et de la vie de Jésus. Berceau du Judaïsme, du Christianisme et de l'Islam, il a attiré des voyageurs par centaines de milliers et fut le creuset d'une multitude de cultures dont les influences se font encore sentir aujourd'hui.

Pendant plusieurs siècles, un séjour en Israël était synonyme de voyage périlleux. Aujourd'hui, à l'ère des lignes aériennes modernes, des hôtels confortables et des autocars climatisés, ce séjour peut se faire dans le confort et la sécurité. Un tel séjour permet de s'imprégner encore plus de la foi. Cette expérience est idéale pour toute personne, peu importe l'âge, en quête d'un renouvellement spirituel.

La formule retenue pour ces 13 jours du voyage est simple.

Chaque participant(e) a une expérience de foi qui lui est propre. Pour certains la relation avec Dieu est plus solide, et pour d'autres plus discrète. Ainsi, les textes bibliques seront proclamés puis, ceux et celles qui le voudront, pourront échanger entre eux. Les échanges se dérouleront sur les lieux de visites, à l'hôtel, au bar, au restaurant, au bazar, dans le bus, ...

Nous bénéficierons de l'expertise de Boréal Tours pour coordonner l'ensemble du séjour. Nous serons accompagnés d'un guide professionnel et qualifié, qui possède des connaissances approfondies sur la Bible, l'histoire, la géographie et l'archéologie de la Terre Sainte, et respectueux de la foi des participant(e)s. Lors des visites, ou au terme de la journée, il sera possible pour ceux et celles qui le désire de proclamer un texte biblique, d'échanger et de prier.

Le prochain départ (avec guide francophone) vers la Terre Sainte est prévu du 27 mai au 9 juin 2012. Pour plus d'information ou pour recevoir un itinéraire complet consulter le www.christ.est-ici.org.

Texte de Boréal Tours
adapté par Benoit Moreau

Partying is the work of God

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:1-14



Faithful Reflections

Louisa Blair

THE GREATEST PARTY INVITATION they'd ever received—and they were all too busy to come.

A religious sister who worked in Guatemala told me that the villagers came to her one day and told her that they didn't expect her to stay long in their village. Her feelings were hurt, and she asked them why.

"Because you live like us, and work hard to help us, but you never celebrate with us," they said. It was true. When they had parties she took the time to do the paperwork. She was giving and giving but cutting herself off from the replenishment they offered her. "No one stays around very long if they don't party with us," they said.

I remember this sister's story as I am pulled in a hundred directions, all important, throughout the day. A present for my niece's birthday tomorrow. A medical appointment. It's the karate class tonight. My email program tells me I have 1476 unanswered emails. There's a potluck at church tomorrow and I need to make a cake. There's nothing in the fridge. A client calls me with a work contract that as a freelancer I can't refuse.

So when my daughter invited me to play some music with her yesterday, I put her off.

"I just have to ... [bake this cake/answer this email/make this call/finish this contract]," I said, and carried on with whatever important thing I was doing. After a couple of tries she gave up and went away.

I suddenly realized I had turned down the most precious request of the day. I called her back and sat down to play with her, but still she sensed my mind was elsewhere—I was speeding up the tempo and not listening to her dynamics. I wasn't "wearing wedding clothes." It was only when I had let go of everything else except playing music with her that she was satisfied, and we started to party.

Contest asks \$1,600 question

Turbulent times in the Anglican Communion have prompted an essay competition aimed at promoting a better understanding of Anglicanism.

The UK-based St. Boniface Trust is offering £1,000 (approximately C\$1,600) for the best 5,000-word essay on the subject, "Why I am an Anglican and believe I shall remain so."

The trust's website says it launched the essay contest because "more attention needs to be paid to the understanding of Anglicanism as a distinctive witness in a time when its self understanding is at a low ebb."

The contest is open to Anglicans worldwide, lay and ordained. The submission deadline is January 1, 2012. For more information, email: secretary@stbonifacetrust.org.uk.



PREMIÈRE COMMUNION – De gauche à droite: Archidiacre Pierre Voyer, le papa, Kyla, grand-maman Margaret Vachon, Alexia, la maman, grand-papa John Humphrey, arrière-grand-maman.

L'expérience paroissiale reprend à Thetford Mines

PAR PIERRE VOYER

Il y aura un an en décembre, que la communauté de Saint John the Divine de Thetford Mines, a recommencé à se réunir pour les cultes du dimanche, après une pause de quatre mois, soit après que son église ait été vendue et que sa pasteure Joanne Brousseau ait mis fin à un ministère de cinq ans, dans la région.

Depuis, la communauté, qui se réunit dans la chapelle de la Maison funéraire Gamache et Nadeau, à Thetford Mines, a fait beaucoup de chemin et discerne de plus en plus quelles orientations elle veut prendre.

Deux fois par mois, des cultes sont offerts à la communauté par les archidiacres Bulmer et Voyer. Outre les deux archidiacres, d'autres prédicateurs ont eu l'occasion de faire entendre leur voix, soit le révérend Edwin Stretch et M. Félix Gaudreau.

Les cultes sont bilingues, ce qui semble satisfaire l'assistance; les échanges après la célébration

sont chaleureux.

L'un des ministres laïques, M. Delphis Doiron, apporte son aide lors des cultes : lectures, prières des fidèles, service à l'autel. En août, l'archidiacre Voyer lui a remis le foulard bleu pour officialiser son rôle dans la liturgie du dimanche. M. Yves Lévesque continue toujours, de façon bénévole, à nous accompagner à l'orgue pour soutenir nos voix souvent incertaines, mais pleines de bonne volonté.

En juillet, deux enfants de la communauté, Alexia et Kyla Vachon ont fait leur première communion, en présence des paroissiens, de leurs parents et d'autres membres de leur famille.

Pendant la célébration, le pasteur Voyer, leur a rappelé l'importance de ce sacrement qui leur permet de participer pleinement à la vie liturgique de la paroisse, en se nourrissant non seulement de la Parole de Dieu, mais aussi du corps et du sang du Christ.

ACW Scripture Meditation

By Maureen Taylor

LUKE 18:1-8

THE WIDOW AND THE UNJUST JUDGE

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying "Grant me justice against my opponent". For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and not respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming. And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says; and will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What picture does Jesus paint of the judge?
2. Why does the widow keep coming to see the judge?
3. Why do you think that Jesus chose a widow to be the focus of this parable?
4. What lesson is Jesus teaching us through the actions of this widow?
5. Is it reasonable to expect justice in this world?
6. Do you think we always get it?

BEGGING FOR A BLESSING



Shamus the dog just couldn't wait to receive a benediction from Archdeacon David Oliver (right) at a service of the blessing of the animals held at St. Barnabas, North Hatley, on Oct. 8. More than 40 pets and their owners took part in the outdoor service to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Parishioner Lyle Sample is at the other end of the leash.

PHOTO: LOUISE MOSES

CANADA BRIEFS

Montreal deacon's ordination opposed

Six clergy of the Diocese of Montreal have objected to the ordination of a deacon who is in a same-sex marriage. Robert Camara was ordained by Bishop Barry Clarke at a service on June 5 in Montreal's Christ Church Cathedral. In a process that had been negotiated prior to the service, Bishop Clarke met with the dissenters in the cathedral baptistery during one part of the service. The dissenters presented the bishop with a letter stating that Camara, who married his male partner in 2005, was unsuitable for the ministry. His same-gender civil marriage is "incompatible with scripture and with our canonical definition of marriage which is to be between a man and a woman," the letter said. Bishop Clarke said he proceeded with the ordination after prayerful consideration and finding no canonical impediment to Camara's admission to holy orders. "I am deeply conscious of the debates, challenges, and pain our church is experiencing around sexuality, marriage, and ordination," he said in a statement. "I pray that, as bishop, we may continue to act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God and with one another."

Montreal Anglican

Book immortalizes N.B. churches

Anglican churches in the Diocese of Fredericton have been captured in a book of photographs, thanks to the labour of love of its diocesan archivist, Frank Morehouse. It took Morehouse nine years to photograph, with a point-and-shoot digital camera, 180 church buildings (a few now closed) and 35 long-gone churches (some now converted into private homes). The camera conked out just as he finished taking his last photo—that of Camp Medley chapel in Upper Gagetown, N.B.—last May 15. "It was just done-for, so I bought myself a new SLR (single lens reflex)," he said. *Photographs of Anglican Churches in the Diocese of Fredericton*, which Morehouse compiled for the Diocesan Archives Committee, also includes pictures of "interesting ecclesiastical furniture." The limited-edition book sells for \$25 and is available through Frank Morehouse at frankm@nbnet.nb.ca.

New Brunswick Anglican

Sask. may get aboriginal bishop

The executive committee of the Diocese of Saskatchewan has endorsed a proposal for the election of a diocesan indigenous bishop and has requested the approval of the provincial executive and the metropolitan of Rupert's Land. The proposal, called *Mamuwe Isis Miywachimowin* ("Together in the Gospel"), was the result of more than two years of discussions within the diocese. The indigenous bishop would work alongside the diocesan bishop. Archbishop David Ashdown, metropolitan of Rupert's Land and bishop of the Diocese of Keewatin, has expressed support for the decision, subject to the raising of \$20,000 by the Diocesan Indigenous Council. The money is required before any election of the bishop can proceed.

Saskatchewan Anglican

Blessing of the backpacks

There was a happy procession of worshippers carrying backpacks to the altar last August, at St. John, Rockwood, in the Diocese of Niagara. The occasion: the church's first "Backpack Sunday," where worshippers presented gifts of backpacks with pencils, crayons, paper and other school supplies. The church, built in 1882, had responded to a request made by East Wellington Community Services to help young students in need of school supplies. The backpacks were blessed and the congregation prayed for the recipients of the gifts and for their teachers.

Niagara Anglican

Ex-CBC newsman turns fundraiser

Don Newman, former senior parliamentary editor for CBC News and host of *Politics* on CBC News-world, has accepted the invitation to be honorary chair of the diocese of Ottawa's stewardship campaign, Growing in Faith Together (GIFT). A well-respected journalist, Newman retired in 2009 after a 40-year career in broadcast journalism. A lifelong Anglican, he and his wife, Shannon Day-Newman, are members of Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral. The GIFT campaign aims to raise a minimum of \$12 million over the next five years for parish, diocesan, and other church programs and ministries.

Crosstalk